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EXDIS, FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LEBANON EVACUATION: MESSAGE FOR FAHMY

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME TO FAHMY.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR ISMAIL:

WE WERE SUCCESSFUL THIS MORNING IN TAKING OUT A CONSIDER-
ABLE NUMBER OF AMERICANS AND OTHER FOREIGN NATIONALS FROM
BEIRUT BY SEA. SUCCESS ON THIS OCCASION--AS ON THE LAST--
OWES MUCH TO THE EFFORTS WHICH YOU AND PRESIDENT SADAT
MADE TO ASSIST US, AND TO YOUR GOOD ADVICE. WE WERE
CONCERNED ABOUT THE DIFFICULTIES WE ENCOUNTERED LAST WEEK
WHEN TRYING TO CARRY OUT A ROAD CONVOY TO DAMASCUS, AND IT
HAS BEEN GRATIFYING THAT NO FURTHER COMPLICATIONS DEVELOPED
WHEN PREPARING FOR THE DEPARTURE BY SEA. I MUCH APPRECIATE
WHAT YOU HAVE DONE.

LET ME USE THE OCCASION ALSO TO EXPRESS WARM THANKS FOR

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THE ENERGETIC EFFORTS OF YOUR AMBASSADOR IN BEIRUT, WHO

WAS SO HELPFUL TO AMBASSADOR SEELYE IN ENSURING THE
COOPERATION OF THE PALESTINIANS.

WITH WARM PERSONAL REGARDS,

HENRY A. KISSINGER. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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